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Joe Wilson Pledges to Repeal Health Care Law

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South Carolina Congressman Joe Wilson rallied supporters Monday and signed a pledge to repeal the new health care law, replacing it with a bill he's sponsoring.

South Carolina 2nd District Congressman Joe Wilson's opposition to President Obama's health care bill was clear from the moment he yelled "You lie!" as the president spoke to Congress about health care. Now, Rep. Wilson is pledging to repeal the new health care law.

He rallied supporters Monday at his campaign headquarters in West Columbia. He signed a pledge to repeal the law and replace it with a bill he's sponsoring.

"It provides for affordability and accessibility right away, not four years from now, not ten years from now," he explains about his bill. He says it would cover pre-existing conditions, provide small businesses with tax incentives for health plans, allow people to shop for insurance across state lines to promote competition and lower prices, and create insurance pools to encourage greater buying power.

He says the law that Congress passed, with no Republican support, will cost taxpayers in higher taxes and lost jobs. "I've had so many business people tell me that the consequences of this bill is that they're going to have to reduce employment," he told supporters at his rally.

Businessman George Hardee of West Columbia says it's true for his parts-rebuilding business. "I don't believe that my business could support or provide the things that this bill calls for to my employees," he says.

South Carolina 6th District Congressman James Clyburn was also back in Columbia Monday. As the House Democratic Whip, he played a big role in getting the health care bill passed.

He says as voters learn more about the bill, they'll learn that there's nothing to fear.

"There were people who thought Social Security was the beginning of socialism in our society," he says. "But people now say that Social Security is the best safety net that we've got now in our society. In 1965, we heard the same arguments about Medicare: 'government takeover'."

He compares Rep. Wilson's pledge to repeal the health care law to Sen. Strom Thurmond saying in 1968 that he would go to Washington and repeal the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

Rep. Wilson says he realizes he can't get the law repealed now with a Democratic majority, but he's looking ahead. "I believe that with the elections in November, that there will be change. There will be more Republicans elected. We've already picked up 34 Democrats who have opposed the government takeover (of health care)," he says

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